

## **Pupil Premium 2014 – 2015**

### **What is it?**

The Pupil Premium is government money designed to help disadvantaged children and young people do well at school. The funding is allocated to schools for children from Reception to Year 11 who have registered for free school meals in the last six years, are in care or have parents in the Armed Forces. In 2014/15 the funding allocated is £935 per child, £300 for children of Armed Forces families.

### **How much Pupil Premium money does the school get?**

For the 2014-15 school year, the school receives £227, 235

### **How is it spent?**

Some students will already be doing well in English, maths or other subjects but there may be things we can do to stretch them further, to help them aim high, or to build their confidence. For example, having a mentor, visits to universities and intensive courses. Some students may need financial help so that they can take part in trips and activities. If students are behind in English, maths or other subjects, we may arrange for them to have special small group or one-to-one teaching. We call these 'intervention programmes'.

We choose the classroom approaches and intervention programmes that research shows work.

### **How will parents know it is working?**

We track all student's progress each term, so we can quickly see if plans are working. If your child takes part in an intervention programme, we aim to measure how they are doing at the start of the programme, and the end, so we can see the difference. We will report to you at parents' evenings, but if you would like information on your child's progress at any time, please get in touch with their subject teachers.

### **Where can I get more information?**

For information about how we plan provision and track progress please contact Paul Farr (pfarr@stedmunds.org ).

### **I am not sure if my child could have free school meals – where can I get more information?**

Please contact Emma Thomas (ethomas@stedmunds.org ), in confidence. She will be really glad to help.

## **What did we find out about how well the Pupil Premium had worked?**

About a third of the funding is distributed to faculty areas and they used this funding in a variety of ways:

- One to one and small group tuition in English, Maths, Science, RE, History, Geography, Business Studies, French and Sport
- Purchasing resources (e.g. calculators, revision books, ingredients, textiles materials, chefs' jackets etc)
- Supporting the cost of educational visits
- Supporting the Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Saturday School
- Revision days with external providers
- Transport for students to access sessions
- Work experience placements (e.g. farm. golf centre etc )
- Master classes at local Universities
- English texts and DVDs of the set texts
- School uniform

The remainder is retained centrally and is being used as follows:

- Easter Revision School
- The appointment of two Pupil Premium Attainment & Progress Officers. This post involves targeting, tracking, teaching, intervention and home liaison for Pupil Premium students

## **What else are we spending the Pupil Premium on this year?**

- Hi5 English and Maths courses
- Saturday Schools in English and Maths
- One to one and small group tuition with students in our feeder primary schools
- A summer school to support the transition from the primary schools to the Academy
- Easter Revision School